

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
Arcelor Mittal Indiana Harbor Oil Release - Removal Polrep
Initial Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region V

Subject: POLREP #1
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Arcelor Mittal Indiana Harbor Oil Release
z5rb
east chicago, IN
Latitude: 41.6613440 Longitude: -87.4516149

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1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	z5rb	Contract Number:	
D.O. Number:		Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	OPA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	PRP	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	
Mobilization Date:	1/12/2017	Start Date:	1/12/2017
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:	E17505	Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

1.1.2 Site Description

On Jan 9, 2017 Oil was discovered in the Indiana Harbor Canal by Arcelor Mittal Indiana Harbor at their NPDES permitted outfall 009 and 010. The oil discovered was between two of their booms that were already existing at the outfall. Arcelor Mittal activated their OSRO National environmental; however, Arcelor Mittal did not make an NRC notification.

On Tuesday, Jan 10 the USCG received an anonymous report of an oil release. The USCG notified the US EPA on Wednesday, Jan 11. US EPA deployed 2 OSCs first thing in the morning of Thursday, Jan 12. EPA observed sheen at outfalls 001, 009, and 010. Arcelor Mittal had booms at all of the location, and was actively conducting cleanup operations.

Arcelor Mittal has not yet found the source of the release, and continues to investigate. The gross product release appeared to be an isolated event and contained; however it appears that all three outfalls may be regularly releasing a sheen to waters of the US. The US EPA continues to monitor the sheen in the canal, and is working with the USCG, US EPA Water Division, and IDEM to check compliance with existing NPDES permits.

1.1.2.1 Location

Indiana Harbor Canal in East Chicago, Indiana

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

Oil release creating a sheen on the Indiana Harbor Canal which flows directly to Lake Michigan

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results**2. Current Activities****2.1 Operations Section**

No information available at this time.

2.2 Planning Section**2.2.1 Anticipated Activities**

Continue monitoring Arcelor Mittal's Activities

2.2.1.1 Planned Response Activities**2.2.1.2 Next Steps****2.2.2 Issues**

OSC Beslow believes there is an ongoing problem at their outfalls and meetings with EPA, USCG and IDEM are being arranged to discuss appropriate paths forward.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section**Estimated Costs ***

	Budgeted	Total To Date	Remaining	% Remaining
Extramural Costs				
TAT/START	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	50.00%
Intramural Costs				
Total Site Costs	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	50.00%

* The above accounting of expenditures is an estimate based on figures known to the OSC at the time this report was written. The OSC does not necessarily receive specific figures on final payments made to any contractor(s). Other financial data which the OSC must rely upon may not be entirely up-to-date. The cost accounting provided in this report does not necessarily represent an exact monetary figure which the government may include in any claim for cost recovery.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities**3.1 Unified Command****3.2 Cooperating Agencies**

US EPA

USCG

IDEM

4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.